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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 496
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A RESOLUTION to continue the Special Study Committee to
Examine the Usage and Effects of the Drug
Ritalin and Other Amphetamines.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the directives of House Resolution No. 162 of the
Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, as continued by House Resolution No. 19 of the One-
Hundredth General Assembly, the Special Study Committee to Examine the Usage and Effects
of the Drug Ritalin and Other Amphetamines has endeavored to prudently examine the issues
facing Tennessee's children, parents, educators, and members of the medical profession and to
propose viable solutions thereto; and

WHEREAS, during the course of its intensive study, the Special Study Committee to
Examine the Usage and Effects of the Drug Ritalin and Other Amphetamines has held public
hearings, listening to a broad spectrum of persons with varying opinions on the use of such
medications; and

WHEREAS, although the study committee has dedicated a great amount of time and
study to the issues before it, the complexities of such issues are so immense that the study
committee was not able to complete its work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That in recognition of
the diverse and complex testimony from interested public citizens and members of the medical

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and educational communities, the Special Study Committee to Examine the Usage and Effects of the Drug Ritalin and Other Amphetamines, created by House Resolution No. 162 of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, and continued by House Resolution of the One-Hundredth General Assembly, is hereby continued for another year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the special study committee shall remain as constituted by House Resolution No. 19 of the One-Hundredth General Assembly; provided, that the members thereof shall be duly elected members of the One Hundred and First General Assembly in order to retain membership on the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That vacancies on the special study committee shall be filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies, including the Department of Health, the TennCare Oversight Committee, and the Education Oversight Committees shall provide assistance to the special study committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special study committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special study committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred First General Assembly prior to the adjournment of its 1999 session, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.